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In re Application of

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Application No.: 09/685,343

Group Art Unit: 1633

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Examiner: C. DRABIK

For: LENTIVIRAL TRIPLEX DNA, AND VECTORS AND RECOMBINANT CELLS
CONTAINING LENTIVIRAL TRIPLEX DNA

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In a Restriction/Election of Species Requirement dated April 11, 2001, the Office required restriction and election of species under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the asserted species recited in claims 1-43. In response, Applicants elect species 1 - retrovirus HIV-1.

Applicants note that the Office indicated that claims 1-3 and 6-43 are linking claims, and that, upon allowance of a linking claim or claims, the requirement will be withdrawn with respect to claims drawn to linked inventions and/or that depend from or otherwise include all of the limitations of the allowed claim(s).

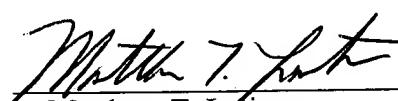
Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in divisional or continuation applications. Early and favorable consideration on the merits is requested.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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